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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON A PERMIT APPLICATION WITH THE OPTION TO REQUEST A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE PROPOSED PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

SUBJECT: Application No.P-060403 for a permit to construct an air pollution-emitting source and proposed action: Raft River Energy ILLC, Malta is applying for a permit to construct a facility which produces electricity from geothermal energy.

PURPOSE: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has scheduled a period to receive public comments on the air quality aspects of the project application. The DEQ is also soliciting requests to hold a 30-day public comment period on the proposed permit when it is drafted.

<u>AUTHORITY:</u> In compliance with Section 58.01.01.209, <u>Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho</u>, notice is hereby given that Raft River Energy ILLC, Malta, Idaho has applied to DEQ for a permit to construct an air pollution source located at UTM coordinates (km) 12.302 East, 4664 North.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Pursuant to Section 58.01.01.209, a public comment period on the proposed permit may be provided if written requests are submitted to the undersigned on or before April 17, 2006. Please note that a proposed permit has not been developed at this time. It is the application that is available for review. A proposed permit will be made available for review during the 30-day public comment period if one is requested.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS: The permit application materials submitted by Raft River Energy ILLC will be available for public review at the following location:

Department of Environmental Quality Twin Falls Regional Office 1363 Filmore Twin Falls, Idaho

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL

QUESTIONS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project application. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include support materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Joan Lechtenberg, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, joan.lechtenberg@deq.idaho.gov or (208) 373-0234. Please reference the company name and project when sending comments or requesting information on an application.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this application or the permitting process, please contact Bill Rogers at (208) 373-0502.

All written comments and data concerning this application must be directed to and <u>received</u> by the undersigned on or before 5:00 p.m. MDT, April 17, 2006.

DATED this 16th day of March 2006.

Joan Lechtenberg Air Quality Division